

DIFTA May 3 Match Results

I am always hesitant to comment on Mother Nature's blessings as they can be so [evanescent](#) (I have been reading Christopher Buckley -- William F's son -- who likes to keep one's vocabulary up-to-date). Nevertheless, the weather was fantastic! The trees were getting fairly leafed-out and the lanes were shadier than at the last match. By the time of the next match June 21, we will have an automatic Troyer difficulty for shade applied.

We had four new Dick Otten (aka [After Hours](#)) targets that were introduced into the course. Everyone looked askance at a new turkey (our Club signature has been "Long Tom" since its inception) that claimed to be 3/8" (have to bring the calipers one day) but looked more like 1/4". It was also very "small" during actual shooting with only one person getting it twice and a lot of double-misses. This target was placed on lane 12 which has traditionally been "It's a small world" but this was a new level of difficulty. Personally, I think the problem is more psychological than ballistic and the large faceplate with a small hole (in fairly thick steel) makes it look harder than it really is. That said, I was one of those who only got it once.



A lot of discussion has been floating about on the "[green](#)" [FT forum](#) about whether Hunter rules should be changed. The last time there was similar discussion, the vast majority of those commenting had never actually shot Hunter. While I have not shot Hunter, I have followed the guidance of Steve Schulz, our previous Match Director, and always design our course with a wide range of difficulties and an average difficulty of about 25T (Troyers) to 30T. There has rarely been a perfect score from any shooter; similarly, the average scores for Hunter run about 50 to 60% while the PCP shooters typically about 75%. The targets that get comments (gripes?) are usually the same for all shooters. The best Hunter scores are usually about 80% while the best PCP scores run about 95%. Since the AAFTA Hunter rules match ours, and our Hunter program is very successful, I don't see any need for changes -- if anyone feels otherwise, please feel free to provide input! (Be warned, excessive "input" may result in one being offered the opportunity to be Match Director.)

Results:

Open Class

Name	Score
Joe McDaniel	56
Al Otter	51
Werner Wicha	49
Tinh Nguyen	45
R Thomas Jones	45

Chuck Jordan 45

Piston Class

Name	Score
Keng Hao Liu	35
Qufer WU	dnf

Hunter Class

Name	Score
Henry Canoles	50
Bill Gazdik	38
Paolo Amedeo	36
Shane Feller	23
Bill Feller	16

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